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	Examiner Quang T. Van	Art Unit 3742	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on RCE filed on 12/08/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 4, 6, 9-14, 16 and 18-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 4, 6, 9-14, 16, 18-21, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 22, 25 and 28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1, 3-4, 6 and 9 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, "one or more variably sized and shaped decorative ceramic strips to be affixed on to different locations", recited in lines 10-12, is indefinite. How can "one" be "variable sized and shaped" and be "affixed on to different locations"? Correction or Clarification is needed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnett (US 3,270,736) in view of Kim (US 6,369,372). Barnett discloses a cooking oven having a decorative ceramic element (15) includes one attached to one of either a front exterior surface or a top an exterior surface of the oven (col. 2, lines 3-5). However, Barnett does not disclose the cooking oven being a microwave oven. Kim discloses a cooking oven being a microwave oven. It would have been obvious to one

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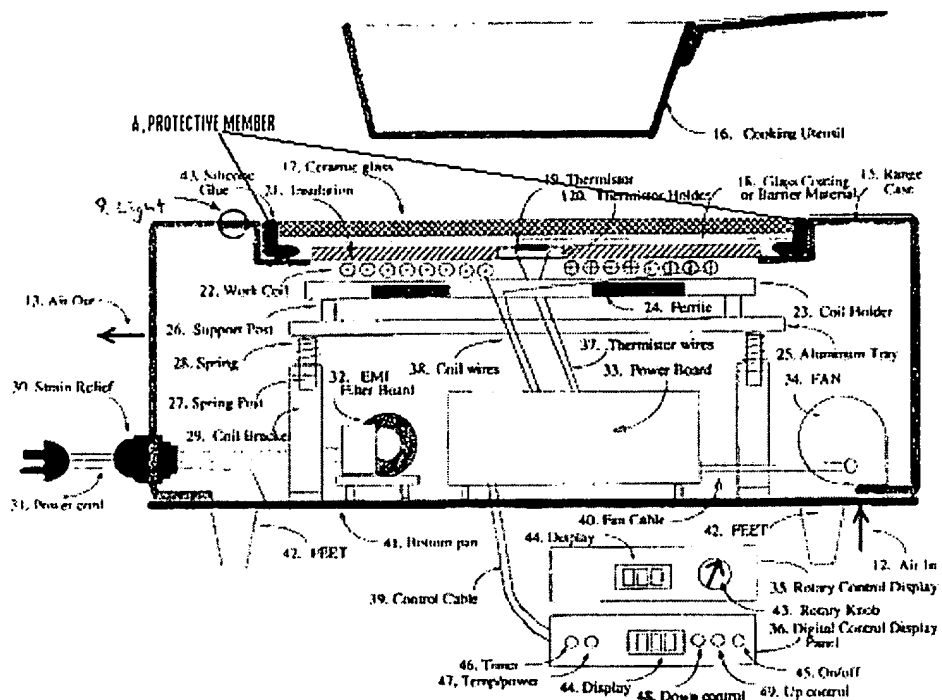
having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize in Barnett a cooking oven being a microwave oven as taught by Kim in order to matches a décor of a kitchen and make the appliance easy to clean, and improve the electrical and thermal insulation of the microwave oven. With regard to “or more variably sized and shaped decorative ceramic strips to be affixed on to different locations of at least one exterior surface of said microwave oven”, or claim 23 “said at least one is said top exterior surface of said microwave oven”. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to cut to plurality of variables sized and shaped in order to insulate and to decorate by affixing onto different areas of said exterior surface of said microwave oven.

5. Claims 3-4, 6, 10-14, 16, 18-20, 24, 26-27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnett (US 3,270,736) in view of Kim (US 6,369,372) and further in view of Glover et al (US 6,180,196). Barnett/Kim disclose substantially all features of the claimed invention except said bonding means is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape. Glover discloses a bonding means (41,42) is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape (col. 4, lines 12-13). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize in Barnett/Kim a bonding means is a doubled sided adhesive sticky tape as taught by Glover in order to bond the mounting object to mounting place. With regard to claims 26 and 29, “said at least one is said top exterior surface of said microwave oven”. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention

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was made to cut to plurality of variables sized and shaped in order to insulate and to decorate by affixing onto different areas of said exterior surface of said microwave oven.

6. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barnett (US 3,270,736) in view of Kim (US 6,369,372) and further in view of Bassill et al (US 6,630,650). Barnett/Kim disclose substantially all features of the claimed invention except a pair of protective members, which wrap along edges of the at least decorative element. Bassill discloses a pair of protective members (A, figure below), which wrap along edges of the at least decorative element (17). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize in Barnett/Kim a pair of protective members which wrap along edges of the at least decorative element as taught by Bassill in order to protect the decorative element.



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7. Claims 22, 25 and 28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record does not show or suggest said decorative element is configured to be affixed over an entire keypad of said microwave oven and said strip has openings within said strip to allow a user to access said keypad of said microwave oven as recited in claims 22, 25, and 28.

Response to Amendment

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-4, 6, 9-14, 16, 18-29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant argues "Barnett discloses a heat insulating panel 15 and not a strip or plurality of strips as is recited by the claimed invention. The panel 15 of Barnett is a heat insulating panel and not a strip and provides heat insulation (see column 2, lines 18-22)". The Examiner disagrees. Barnett discloses a heat insulating strip and also a decorating ceramic strip (15). Also, see addition-attached drawing "A".

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang T. Van whose telephone number is 571-272-4789. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00Am 7:00Pm M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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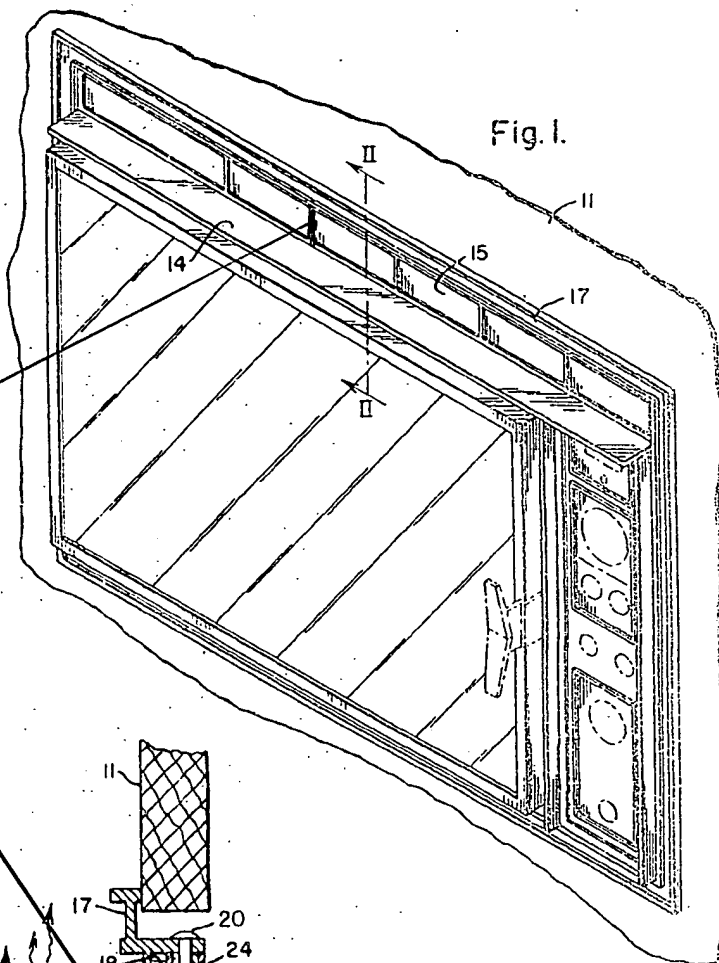


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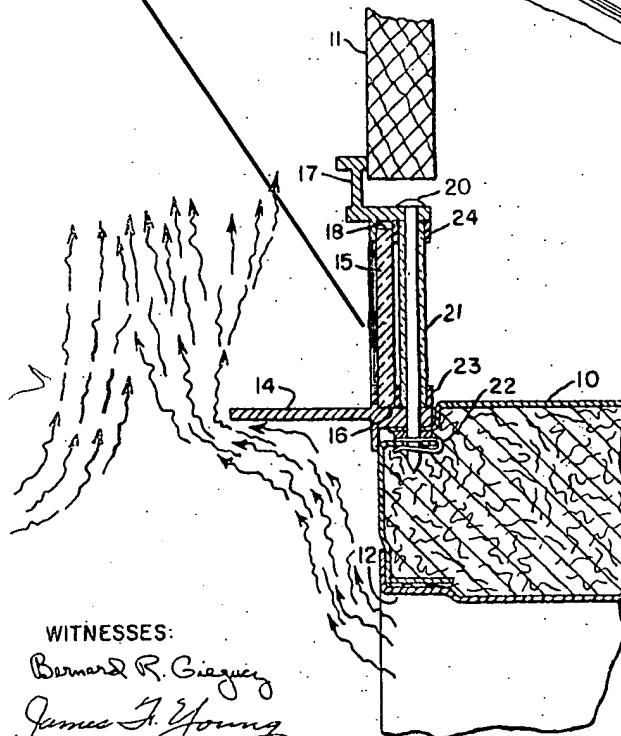
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BUILT-IN OVEN

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Fig. 2.

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